- 1 1. A method comprising:
- determining whether a supply voltage reaches a
- 3 predetermined level;
- 4 generating pulses to indicate that a supply
- 5 voltage is ramping up;
- terminating the generation of said pulses after
- 7 said supply voltage reaches a predetermined level; and
- 8 preventing the pulses from being generated until
- 9 after the next power cycle.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1 including resetting said
- 2 logic to its predetermined initial state in response to
- 3 said pulse.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2 including indicating when
- 2 said supply voltage has reached its predetermined level and
- 3 providing a signal to a latch in response thereto.
- 1 4. The method of claim 3 including determining
- 2 whether said logic is in its predetermined initial state
- 3 and if so, providing a signal to said latch.
- 1 5. The method of claim 4 including stopping the
- 2 generation of a signal to reset said logic to its initial
- 3 state after said logic has provided a signal to said latch
- 4 indicating that the logic is in its predetermined initial

- 5 state and the supply voltage has reached its predetermined
- 6 level.
- 1 6. The method of claim 5 including preventing said
- 2 latch from thereafter changing state until the power supply
- 3 cycles again.
- 1 7. The method of claim 1 including determining when
- 2 the pulses are no longer generated.
- 1 8. The method of claim 7 including preventing the
- 2 generation of said pulses after the pulses are no longer
- 3 generated and prior to a power cycle.
- 1 9. The method of claim 1 including emulating logic
- 2 that is difficult to trigger and determining whether the
- 3 power supply voltage has reached a level sufficient to
- 4 trigger the difficult to trigger logic.
- 1 10. The method of claim 9 wherein determining whether
- 2 a supply voltage reaches a predetermined level includes
- 3 determining whether a voltage is above at least two
- 4 transistor threshold voltages.

- 1 11. An integrated circuit comprising:
- an activation circuit to determine whether a
- 3 supply voltage reaches a predetermined level;
- a pulse generator to generate pulses to indicate
- 5 that a supply voltage is ramping up and to terminate the
- 6 generation of the pulses after the supply voltage reaches a
- 7 predetermined level; and
- 8 said activation circuit to prevent the pulses
- 9 from being generated again, after the generation of the
- 10 pulses has been terminated, until after the next power
- 11 cycle.
 - 1 12. The integrated circuit of claim 11 further
 - 2 including a logic functionality to emulate logic that is
 - 3 difficult to trigger and to determine whether the supply
 - 4 voltage has reached a level sufficient to trigger the
 - 5 difficult to trigger logic.
 - 1 13. The integrated circuit of claim 11 including a
 - 2 level detector that detects when a voltage is above at
 - 3 least two transistor threshold voltages, said level
 - 4 detector operative to control said pulse generator.
 - 1 14. The integrated circuit of claim 11 including a
 - 2 feedback path that provides the output of said pulse
 - 3 generator to said activation circuit.